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SUBJECT: KOREAN QUESTION

REF: A. STATE 251696; B. STATE 252342

1. PRIME MINISTER SOMARE HAS NOT YET RETURNED FROM HIS US-UK TRIP AND FONMIN KIKI (WHO IS ACTING PRIME MINISTER) IS OUT OF TOWN. HENCE I DISCUSSED THE KOREAN RESOLUTION WITH SIAGURU, SECRETARY, DFRT, WHO INVITED CONROY AND FARAPO TO SIT IN. NORTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR TO INDONESIA HAD CALLED ON SIAGURU EARLIER, BUT SIAGURU COULD NOT BE LED INTO COMMENTING ON THAT DISCUSSION.

2. I MADE THE POINTS OUTLINED IN STATE 225930. SIAGURU AND HIS COLLEAGUES ARE AWARE OF IMPORTANCE U.S. ATTACHES TO THIS SUBJECT AND UNDERSTAND DIFFERENCES IN THE TWO RESOLUTIONS. THEY FEEL THAT THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT DECISION FOR GPNG AS IT MAY WELL SET A PRECEDENT FOR FUTURE DECISIONS. THEY ARE CONCERNED NOT ONLY ABOUT THE IMPLICATIONS FOR PNG'S POSITION IN RELATION TO THE U.S. AND THE USSR, BUT ALSO ABOUT THE IMPLICATIONS FOR PNG'S POSITION IN RELATION TO THE USSR AND CHINA. THEY DON'T WANT TO MAKE A DECISION THEY WILL LATER REGRET, AND THEY FEAR
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THEY MAY BE CASTING DIES ON THIS ONE.

3. SIAGURU SAID NO DECISION COULD BE TAKEN UNTIL PRIMIN SOMARE RETURNS, AND HE BELIEVES THE MATTER WILL HAVE TO GO TO THE CABINET MEETING ON OCTOBER 29 FOR DECISION. IN VIEW OF LARGE NUMBER OF PROBLEMS AWAITING PRIMIN PLUS REOPENING OF PARLIAMENT ON OCTOBER 27, THEY SEE NO POSSIBILITY OF EARLIER CABINET MEETING. OCTOBER 29 MEETING WILL PROBABLY BE TOO LATE FOR THE VOTE ON THE PROCEDURAL ISSUE BUT WILL BE IN TIME FOR THE SUBSTANTIVE VOTE. SIAGURU WILL BRIEF FONMIN KIKI AS SOON AS HE RETURNS, AND WILL ALSO BRIEF THE PRIMIN AS SOON AS HE CAN GET TO HIM. I SAID I WOULD BE GLAD TO TALK TO EITHER OF THEM AND SIAGURU SAID HE WOULD LET ME KNOW.

4. CONROY REVERTED TO THE QUESTION HE RAISED EARLIER (REPORTED IN PORT MORESBY 1026 BUT NEVER ANSWERED) ABOUT WHAT WE THINK CHINESE ATTITUDE IS TOWARDS THE CONTINUED PRESENCE OF U.S. TROOPS IN SOUTH KOREA. THIS IS OBVIOUSLY IMPORTANT TO HIM AND I HOPE THE ADDRESSEES WILL PROVIDE THE INFO. (I SENSE THAT CONROY, AND POSSIBLY OTHERS IN DFRT, ARE COMING DOWN ON THE CHINESE SIDE OF THE SINO-SOVIET CONFRONTATION).

5. THEY ALSO ASKED FOR SPECIFIC INFORMATION ABOUT WHAT WOULD HAPPEN (A) IF THE FRIENDLY RESOLUTION IS PASSED AND (B) IF THE HOSTILE RESOLUTION IS PASSED. THEY WANT TO KNOW WHAT STEPS WE ANTICIPATE WOULD FOLLOW IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL AND IN THE CONVENING OF ARMISTICE MEETINGS IN EACH INSTANCE. ALTHO THE QUESTION WAS NOT ASKED, I THINK THEY WANT TO KNOW HOW BINDING EITHER RESOLUTION WOULD BE ON THE PARTIES CONCERNED. PLEASE PROVIDE ME WITH TWO SCENARIOS, ONE FOR EACH ASSUMPTION.

6. I URGE THAT DEPT. OR USUN PROVIDE INFO REQUESTED IN PARAS 4 AND 5 AND SEND BY IMMEDIATE NIACT IN ORDER TO REACH ME BEFORE TUESDAY.
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